

Patent Claims

1. Method for preventing the falsification of access cards containing plain text information that identifies the type of authorization, whereby the plain text information is encoded by applying a key and the resulting code is introduced onto the access card.
2. Method pursuant to claim 1, characterized in that the code is applied with an imprinting process.
3. Method pursuant to one of the previous claims, characterized in that the code is made machine-readable.
4. Method pursuant to one of the previous claims, characterized in that the code can be converted back into plain text information by using the key.
5. Method pursuant to one of the previous claims, characterized in that the code can be reproduced.
6. Method pursuant to one of the previous claims, characterized in that, with the help of a computer the agreement of the plain text information with the code can be checked a key stored in the computer.
7. Method pursuant to claim 6, characterized in that the respectively different keys are selected as a function of features of the respective access card.
8. Method according to claim 6 or claim 7, characterized in that a secret key is used.
9. Identification card with plain text information identifying the type of authorization, characterized in that it contains a code that can be determined from the plain text

information by using a key.

10. Identification card pursuant to claim 9, characterized in that it contains an imprinted code.

11. Identification card pursuant to one of the claims 9 or 10, characterized in that it contains a machine-readable code.

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